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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Executive Assistant to the DCI

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SUBJECT : Suggested NIO Briefings for Mr. Bush

1. Per your 16 January memorandum, I think Mr. Bush ought to be given an opportunity to sit down with each NIO (and Assistant) to hear how that particular NIO endeavors to discharge the responsibilities he (or she) handles on the DCI's behalf. These sessions need not be very long. A half hour or so would suffice unless Mr. Bush chooses to extend any one or more of them. Also, they need not be done in one block but, instead, can be fitted into his schedule over the course of a week or two as seems most appropriate.

2. I would suggest the following sequential order, though there is nothing rigid or immutable about it:

a. Strategic Programs (already tentatively laid on for Monday, 26 January).

b. [REDACTED] handles the preparation of the DCI's substantive briefings to senior Executive Branch groups, including the NSC and its various subcommittees such as the WSAG. Also, he prepares the DCI's Congressional briefings. As soon as feasible he should be able to explain to Mr. Bush the procedures now followed to support the Director and ascertain what changes Mr. Bush may desire in order to make that system responsive to his needs and preferences.

c. The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe

d. China (Mr. Lilley).

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e. Conventional Forces [redacted]

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f. The Middle East ([redacted])

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g. South and Southeast Asia and Africa

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[redacted] which comes fairly high on the priority list because of the Angola matter.

h. Special Activities [redacted]

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i. Japan and Pacific Area [redacted]

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[redacted], which -- if possible -- should be scheduled prior to [redacted] 31 January TDY.

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j. Western Europe [redacted]

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k. Latin America [redacted]

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l. Economics and Energy [redacted]

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[redacted], which should be scheduled after [redacted] returns from his TDY on 2 February.

3. At some point in the proceedings, probably after he has talked to each of the NIOs -- though this can be done at anytime -- I would like to sit down again with him, accompanied by [redacted] to give him a fuller account of our various mechanics, procedures, the types of documents for which we are responsible, etc. Also, at some point, I want to talk to him about how he wants to fit the NIO structure, the IC Staff and the USIB committees together into an integrated system designed to support him in the discharge of his community-wide responsibilities as DCI.

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